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SAPD Officer Lawrence Robarts Statement

The statement below is from Officer Lawrence Robarts who is at home recovering from his injuries. He was injured on September 8th, at 3107 Redstart, when he was shot by a suspect.

"To my fellow officers and the citizens of San Antonio, I thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and support.

I'm writing this exactly one month after the shooting and I am still finding it difficult to believe what happened. Like many other officers, this is the kind of thing you hear about but do not think is going to happen to you.

I spoke with Officer Roell last week, and she says "she is doing well". She will need no additional surgeries and will require rehabilitation. I have one more major surgery but the doctors say they have to wait until the other injuries heal. My doctors believe I should make a full recovery. Officer Roell and I are extremely fortunate and we should both make full recoveries.

I was told the shooter fired many shots. On Monday, September 8, 2008, I have never been prouder to be a San Antonio Police Officer. As I laid there in the yard, under heavy fire, shot four times, and requesting EMS, six officers risked their own lives and carried Officer Roell and myself to safety. For that I will always be indebted, and I'm positive that we would have never survived without them.

I have told them all individually "thank you" but I feel that there are just no words to truly express the gratitude that I feel.

I was told by numerous people at the hospital that they had never witnessed such an outpouring of support. I explained that my extended family also consists of two thousand police officers. In the two-week period while in the hospital, I had some very difficult days but with the support of my family and all my visitors, I was able to get beyond these tough times.

To my fellow officers 'Be safe out there, and remember to take care of each other' and to the City of San Antonio 'thank you'."

Sincerely,

Patrol Officer Lawrence Robarts, #0864

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